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Hijackers Surrender in Havana

HAVANA, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — All passengers and crew members of the three hijacked Venezuelan planes which landed here Tuesday have been freed, diplomatic sources said here.

All passengers and crew members were freed unharmed and have been taken to a hotel in Havana, the diplomatic sources said. They are expected to leave Cuba Wednesday, the sources added.

The hijackers claimed to belong to an "international solidarity commando," the sources said.

They were demanding the release of 23 political prisoners held in Venezuela and a \$10-million ransom, sources added. The demands were made after the release of the passengers and crew.

Earlier, the planes had taken off from Panama with about 150 hostages, an official at Panama City's airport reported.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said the hijackers released an ailing Roman Catholic priest, while the Avensa Airline Boeing 727 and two Aeropostal DC-9s were being refueled and food was taken aboard.

All three planes had set off on domestic flights but were diverted to the Colombian Caribbean port of Barranquilla. The hijackers demanded the release of seven people who they described as political prisoners in Venezuela and a \$10 million ransom.

Sunday night, two of the planes flew to Honduras and the third to Guatemala and secret negotiations were held with authorities in both countries. No details of the discussions were revealed and all three planes left for Panama Tuesday morning.

There were originally more than 250 passengers on board the three aircraft but the hijackers released many of them in stops along the route in exchange for fuel and food. One of the planes stopped over in the Dutch Antilles Monday and 20 women and children and a sick man were freed.

In Venezuela, Interior Minister Rafael Montes de Oca said Tuesday the government will not negotiate with hijackers holding three Venezuelan planes and an estimated 150 hostages. "This government will not negotiate with people who have placed themselves outside the law," Montes de Oca said.

Montes de Oca said the government had received no formal demands from the hijackers, but he later referred, in a television interview, to "some sort of document." Caracas newspapers Monday night received a communiqué said to be from the hijackers citing demands of money and the release of prisoners, and criticizing the political situation in Venezuela, El Salvador, Puerto Rico and Haiti, according to a spokesman from one newspaper, *El Universal*. No newspaper published the communiqué Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the vice president of one of the airlines involved in Monday's hijacking, Fernando Miralles of Aeropostal, resigned or was fired from his post after he criticized airport security here.

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The privately-owned "Voice of Lebanon" radio station earlier said the plane might head for Tehran's Mehrabad airport if it had enough fuel for the trip to the Iranian capital.

The governments of Lebanon, Iran and Cyprus declared their airports closed in an attempt to prevent the plane from landing there.

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U.S. Jews flay Camp David pact

By Catherine Rain
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 — A group of American Jews gathered on a street corner not far from the Embassy of Egypt in Washington Monday — the 40th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor — to protest the Camp David Peace Treaty. The demonstrators accuse Egypt of participating with the other Arab countries in planning a Pearl Harbor in the Middle East and, therefore, do not want the final Israeli evacuation from the Sinai to take place.

While Americans throughout the United States are commemorating American soldiers who died during the surprise Japanese attack on December 7, 1941, the extremist Jewish group took the opportunity to draw the analogy that the present autonomy talks are reminiscent of the "political blindness" the American government had towards the Japanese before their attack.

Egyptian Embassy officials said that the event was not serious. Nonetheless, it will be interesting to watch whether or not this particular Israeli propaganda will gain momentum as April 1982, the date scheduled for the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai, draws closer.

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Salim quits U.N. poll fray

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 8 (AP) — Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmed Salim, following the example of Kurt Waldheim, announced Tuesday he was stepping aside from further balloting for secretary-general.

Salim said he remained available for a compromise candidate.

The 39-year-old Salim noted that other prospective candidates from the Third World had been reluctant to enter the race as long as his name remained on the ballot.

Salim said his decision "will give real possibilities for other candidates from the Third World to be considered and for the council to make progress in its efforts."

Salim added that he had assured the current president of the 15-member Security Council, Ambassador Olara Otunnu of Uganda, "of my continued availability to serve" if the U.S. opposition to his candidacy is overcome by Dec. 31, when Waldheim's current term expires.

The 62-year-old Waldheim, who has served two five-year terms as the world body's chief administrative officer, asked the council last Thursday to withdraw his name from the balloting. Like Salim, he remained available for reconsideration if the council was to accept an alternative candidate.

The withdrawals came after the council had 16 inconclusive rounds of balloting, which began Oct. 27. Waldheim repeatedly was vetoed by China, which is committed to supporting a Third World candidate.

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Fahd orders zakat panel

RIYADH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Monday briefed the Council of Ministers on the importance of 'zakat' (Islam's compulsory charity) and the proper means to collect it. He ordered the establishment of a committee to study the issue and see how it should be collected and spent in accordance with the divine law.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abd Yaman said that Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Al-Sheikh addressed the cabinet on the same issue. Prince Fahd told the ministers: "It is our duty to inform the people and impress upon them the importance of this significant injunction of our religion. By acting collectively and feeling that it is our joint responsibility to see that zakat is collected and disbursed properly, we would be earning Almighty God's

mercy and help."

The prince also referred to social security and the importance of assistance to the needy. He said that conscience, in this respect, can be cleared only through minute research and enquiry. He requested a comprehensive report on the subject by the acting minister of labor and social affairs.

Yamani said that the cabinet then discussed certain aspects of the Third Five-Year Development Plan. It was briefed on the subject by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer.

The cabinet approved the draft royal decree for the establishment of the Saudi-Kuwaiti Joint Cement Company. The project is part of a drive to further industrial cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries.

Niger, Bangladesh get IDB loans

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — The 35th session of the Board of Executive Directors of Islamic Development Bank began here Tuesday under Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, the bank's president.

The board will study the financing of some development projects in member states. Besides, it will discuss administrative and

developmental aspects of the bank, as well as the sixth annual report and the budget of the Islamic Institute for Research and Training for 1982.

Meanwhile, two agreements for foreign trade financing worth \$13 million were signed at the IDB headquarters in favor of Niger and Bangladesh.

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Jordan receives SR161m from SDF for Aqaba dock

AMMAN, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil signed here Tuesday two loan agreements under which the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) will give SR161.75 million to the Jordan government.

The first loan of SR61.25 million will be used for the construction of an industrial dock at the Aqaba Port, while the second loan of SR100.5 million will finance a project to supply nearly 45 million cubic meters of drinking water to Amman everyday.

The agreements were signed, on behalf of the Jordanian government, by Dr. Henna Awda, chairman of the National Council of Planning.

King Hussein Monday reviewed bilateral relations and avenues of economic cooperation with Abu Al-Khalil. The meeting was attended by Ahmad Al-Lozi, head of the Royal Court, Musa'adah and Sheikh Ibrahim Sultan, Saudi Arabian ambassador to Jordan.

Later, Abu Al-Khalil announced that, after the signing of the present agreements, SFD's total loans to Jordan have touched the SR545 million mark. He reaffirmed that King Khaled's government is

keen to assist Jordan's development projects for the welfare of the brotherly people of Jordan.

Meanwhile, Jordan's Finance Minister Salem Al-Musa'adah lauded Saudi Arabia's support for this country's development projects. He reiterated that this assistance will always be appreciated by the Jordanian government and people.

Awda also expressed appreciation of Saudi Arabia's aid to the economic development in Jordan. He said that the present two loans reflect the strong ties existing between the two countries.

Abu Al-Khalil Tuesday held talks with the ministers of finance, transport, industry and commerce as well as with the governor of the Central Bank of Jordan. Talks dealt with the ways of further consolidating existing cooperation between the two countries.

In the afternoon, Abu Al-Khalil and his accompanying delegation visited the liaison office of Al-Yarmuk University and, later, the Royal Academic Society, where he was briefed on the society's programs to boost economic growth in the country.

AHSA, Dec. 8 (SPA) — A tree planting week is to be organized in the Ahsa Region, at the beginning of the second half of the current academic year, it was announced here Tuesday.

The decision was taken during a meeting of the executive committee of the afforestation week held under the chairmanship of Ahsa Governor Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd Al-Jilwi. The committee decided to plant

16,000 saplings during the week.

Government agencies scheduled to take part in the week include the municipalities of Hofut, Umran, Oyun; Jafr rural complex; the Directorate General of Agricultural Affairs in the region; irrigation and sewage departments; the agricultural research center; King Faisal University; Directorate of Education and the General Presidency for Youth Welfare.

For more trade

Chinese launch new drive

By Suresh Shah

by year end, he added.

Hsueh said that for the benefit of Saudi Arabian importers a list of reputed exporters of various products from the Republic of China is available at the embassy.

He added a fourth agreement was recently reached between the two countries for cooperation in medical services and health, as a result of a visit by Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri, minister of health. Under the agreement we will supply doctors, nurses and other medical services for two hospitals of more than 500 beds each, one in Jeddah and another one in Hofuf. There are already 1,200 doctors and nurses from our country working in Kingdom at present, now we are increasing their numbers," he added.

Saudi Arabia supplies nearly 40 percent of the Republic of China's requirements of crude oil and the latter is keen to import more oil from the Kingdom. Hsueh said.

Sites handed for SR44m works

ALKHOBAR, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Alkhobar Municipality Tuesday handed over work sites for asphalting, paving and lighting of a number of roads and localities, for which contracts worth SR44.7 million were awarded to two national companies.

According to Mayor Abdul Rahman Al-Rajeh, the project is expected to be completed in a period of 12 months and will cover Prince Turki street; Makkah Road; Streets 4, 16 and 20; all unshaded streets west of town; streets of plan 26; all streets west of Thaqqa; Babouniah and Bandriah streets and the green belt.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:18	3:14	2:45	2:29	2:53	3:19
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:40	5:35	5:06	4:49	5:13	5:39
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Annual report states

SABIC lays basis of petrochemical future

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation's industrialization program will have an estimated capital cost of about SR35 billion, according to SABIC's annual report for 1980 released recently.

The report, the fourth to be issued by the corporation, stated that the working force required for full operation of the industries will be only about 7,500. That will provide for an average capital investment SR4.6 million per worker. Established with an initial capital of SR10 billion in 1976, SABIC has a great potential to implement industrial projects several times over.

Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algoosabi, SABIC chairman, said in the foreword that questions were raised about the Kingdom's ability to penetrate the field of advanced industry and compete with well-established industrial countries. They dealt with the insufficient infrastructure, lack of industrial background, shortage of trained manpower and an unfavorable environment, but "they were the very questions we asked ourselves right from the beginning," Algoosabi wrote.

"In fact, they formed, together with related factors, the basis of our approach to industrialization," he said. The Kingdom also had adopted a principle of full partnership with established international firms — a combination of abundant and stable resources coupled with technical, administrative and marketing expertise. "Hence, we could share both the risks and benefits," Algoosabi said.

"Selection of partners also entailed important decisions. They had to have the appropriate background and the adequate technical and administrative experience, so that they could cooperate and work effectively with us," Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, SABIC vice-chairman and managing director, said in his management report.

SABIC has made a point of selecting industries which meet the Kingdom's resource endowment and long-run comparative advantages, Zamel said. "They are capital and energy-intensive and economize to a great extent on the labor factor," he said.

The corporation's initial capital was covered by the state — thus making it a totally state-owned, but independent body. However, up to 75 percent of its equity capital will become available to Saudi Arabian nationals eventually, according to the report. A major percentage of the capital cost of projects to be provided by the Public Investment Fund (PIF), with commercial loans also as a source of finance. The balance is provided by the joint venture partners in proportion to their respective contribution in equity.

"The extent and size of finance available to SABIC reflects the emphasis given by the government to the industrialization of the country," the report said. SABIC's role is not confined to realizing direct material returns from basic, downstream and supporting industries or creating productive job opportunities to Saudi nationals, in addition to other related activities and services. It will rather contribute to the transfer of technology by laying down a foundation for a dynamic and cumulative progress.

SABIC's Phase 1 industrialization program, basic industries, includes the implementation of five ethylene-based petrochemical complexes with a total capacity of 1.6 million metric tons per annum; two chemical-grade methanol plants with a total capacity of 1.25 million metric tons a year; and a nitrogenous fertilizer plant with a capacity of 500,000 metric tons of urea annually. In addition, an iron and steel plant in Jubail will produce

800,000 tons per annum, while a steel rolling mill plant in Jeddah modernized and expanded, has an output of 140,000 tons annually.

Al-Jubail Petrochemical Company (Kenya) for which a final agreement was signed between SABIC and Exxon of the U.S. in April, 1980, will produce 260,000 tons annually of low density polyethylene (LDPE). Capital for the joint venture was raised on a 50/50 basis. It is expected to come into produce by the beginning of 1985.

Saudi Yanbu Petrochemical Company (Yanpet) was created as a joint venture with Mobil of the U.S. also on the basis of a 50 percent participation in equity capital. Yanpet, expected to reach commercial production by the end of 1984, will produce 200,000 tons of ethylene glycol, 200,000 tons of LDPE and 90,000 tons of high density polyethylene (HDPE) per annum.

Another joint venture with Pecten Arabe Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Shell Oil, established the Saudi Petrochemical Company in September, 1980. Under the venture, the largest petrochemical complex in the world is under construction in Jubail. The complex will produce 256,000 tons of ethylene dichloride, 281,000 tons of ethanol, 295,000 tons of styrene and 377,000 tons of caustic soda; in addition to 656,000 tons of ethylene annually. It is expected to come into production in the second half of 1985.

In 1979, SABIC has concluded four final agreements. The corporation went into a joint venture with the German Kort-Stahl to establish the Saudi Iron and Steel Company (Hadeed) in March, 1979. SABIC holds 80 percent of the equity while the German partners own the remaining 20 percent. The iron and steel complex, to be built in Jubail, will produce 800,000 tons of steel billets, rein-

forcing rods and bars and sponge iron.

In May of the same year, SABIC concluded an agreement with Kort Industrie und Handel GmbH and Co. of Germany for modernizing and expanding the Jeddah Steel Rolling Mill Company (Sylb). The plant's production increased to 140,000 tons per annum as a result of the agreement.

A 50/50 joint venture between SABIC and a Japanese consortium led by Mitsubishi Celanese and Texas Eastern of the U.S. established the Saudi Methanol Company in December, 1979. When the plant goes on-stream in 1985, it will produce 600,000 tons of chemical-grade methanol a year.

During the same month, another joint venture with the Taiwan Fertilizer Company resulted in the creation of equal-equity venture under the name of Al-Jubail Fertilizer Company (Samad). The plant will come into production in 1983 with a capacity of 500,000 tons of urea per annum.

This year, final agreements for SABIC's last three basic industries were concluded. Celanese and Texas Eastern of the U.S. entered a joint venture with SABIC for building the second methanol complex, the National Methanol Company, with an annual capacity of 500,000 tons.

Dow Chemicals of the United States signed the joint venture for establishing the Arabian Petrochemical Company (Petrokemya) in May. The SR5 billion venture, concluded on a 50/50 basis, provides for building the 500,000-ton-per annum ethylene plant in Jubail. Meanwhile, the Japanese consortium led by Mitsubishi entered a joint venture for establishing the Eastern Petrochemicals Company (Shark) during the same month. Both plants are expected to go on-stream by 1985.

The considerable initial outlays of funds for these projects are expected to accrue proportionately substantial returns. The gross return to the domestic economy when the basic industries reach full production between 1984 and 1987 is estimated at SR10 billion a year, according to the annual report.

The total estimated trade benefits to the

country, export earnings and import substitution, would approximately reach SR14 billion, based on the expected sales prices in 1987, the report stated. Taxes paid to the Saudi Arabian government on foreign partners' profits are estimated at about SR870 million a year.

The major creditor, the Public Investment Fund, is expected to receive approximately SR840 million per annum exclusive of the full value of the original loans advanced by the PIF. Commercial banks might earn about SR350 million a year by lending to SABIC projects, the report said.

It added that the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu is expected to receive an average amount of SR300 million per year, as rents and charges to be paid by SABIC's projects for the use of the commission's services and utilities.

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Cart bomb explosion kills one in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 8 (AP) — A booby-trapped vegetables cart exploded near the pinewooded French ambassador's mansion in west Beirut Tuesday and a neighboring hospital said a 60-year-old Lebanese pedestrian was killed and three other men wounded.

Army explosives expert Maj. Yousef Bitar told reporters on the scene the cart was rigged with three kg of TNT that went off shortly before midday at the neighborhood near the commercial quarter that divides east and west Beirut.

Bitar said he believed two persons were killed in the blast near a checkpoint manned by Syrian peacekeeping forces a few dozen meters from the main gate of the official residence of French Ambassador Paul Marc-Henry. But officials at Barbir Hospital to which all the victims were rushed, said only one person was killed and that the cart vendor was among the four injured, all of whom

wound.

Three privately-owned cars with Lebanese plate numbers sustained considerable damage as a result of the splinters that littered the scene. This was the first time that a cart has been used for a booby trap. Most of the major seven bombings that claimed 147 lives in northern, central, and southern Lebanon since Sep. 17 resulted from booby-trapped cars.

Prior to Tuesday's cart blast, three explosive charges went off in the elevators of three apartment buildings in different residential neighborhoods in west Beirut Monday, killing a nine-month-old baby girl and wounding four other children and one man by official police counts.

Habib leaves after talks with Sarkis

BEIRUT, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib wrapping up a 10-day tour of six Middle Eastern countries in an effort to preserve the ceasefire in south Lebanon, met Tuesday with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis before leaving the country.

Habib was expected to return to the United States but members of his entourage refused to confirm this. U.S. Embassy spokesmen were unavailable for comment for more than an hour after Habib's executive jet took off from Beirut airport. Habib arrived here from

Haig leaves on visit to 7 states

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig left early Wednesday on an 11-day trip to seven countries that is likely to focus on strengthening alliances in Europe and Asia.

His brief stops in Israel and Egypt are likely to deal with regional security issues, the Camp David peace process, and Israeli-Egyptian talks on Palestinian self-rule. Haig will also stop in Morocco, where he and King Hassan will discuss Morocco's war with the Polisario in Western Sahara, U.S. arms supplies and the recent Arab summit in Fez.

Iran guards kill 38 Komuleh men

TEHRAN, Dec. 8 (AFP) — Iranian revolutionary guards killed 38 fighters of the Komuleh Autonomist movement Sunday during a seven-hour clash near takab in Kurdistan, *The Islamic Republic* daily reported Tuesday.

The newspaper said a Komuleh camp was destroyed in this operation and that in other clashes, seven "American mercenaries" of the Iranian Kurdish Democratic Party were killed when they attacked a Pasdaran guard post near Mianehab in western Azerbaijan.

Meanwhile, Paris news agency reported that a nine-year-old boy was killed and 10 persons wounded, two of them seriously, when a car bomb exploded Monday in Boroujerd, Lorestan province, western Iran. The agency said the blast damaged buildings and cars in a 100-yard radius.

Tuesday morning to brief Sarkis on his talks with other leaders in the region.

Habib spent one hour and 15 minutes at the presidential palace in suburban Baabda. The son of a Lebanese immigrant to the United States, he opened his session with Sarkis with an exchange of chitchat in Arabic in the presence of photographers and reporters. The meeting was also attended by U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Robert Dillon and U.S. State Department official Morris Draper.

U.N. committee assails Israel's canal project

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 8 (R) — The United States and Israel cast the only negative votes Monday against a resolution demanding that Israel halt a project to build a canal between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea.

The draft was approved by the General Assembly's special political committee by 114 votes to two against, with three abstentions (Guatemala, Paraguay and Uruguay). The resolution, certain to be endorsed by the assembly plenary, would also request the Security Council to "consider initiating measures to halt the execution of this pro-

Egypt to raze villas near pyramids

CAIRO Dec. 8 (AP) — Weekend cottages dotting the desert next to the great pyramids will be razed by the end of the year on orders of the Egyptian Ministry of Culture, the official Middle East News Agency said Monday.

Houses to be destroyed for "encroaching on the pyramid area" reportedly include a resthouse where the late President Anwar Sadat received guests like former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. The U.S. embassy and other foreign missions are among building owners affected by the order, the daily *Al-Gomhouria* said. The move comes as the latest attempt to lessen the threat of erosion to the pyramids.

KHARTOUM, (AFP) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has written a book on his friend Anwar Sadat, the Egyptian president who was assassinated two months ago.

KUWAIT, (R) — Malaysian Head of State Sultan Ahmad Shah had talks Tuesday on bilateral relations and the world situation with the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, a government spokesman said.

NEW DELHI, (R) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal will visit Bulgaria in the second half of this month, Kabul radio reported Tuesday.

ject" and would call on all states not to assist either directly or indirectly in its preparation or execution.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim would be asked to submit a study to the assembly and the council by June 30 on the "Israeli canal and its effects on the Kingdom of Jordan and the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967." Israel had earlier told the committee that the project involved the construction of a water-conduit, largely underground, to generate electricity by taking advantage of the 400-meter drop between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth.

The Israelis are catching people in the street and asking for their identity cards, and if they are shopkeepers, they are being forced to go to their stores and open up," a Gaza resident told the Associated Press by telephone. The military welded the shut doors of stores whose owners refused to open, he said. The area was closed to reporters, Israel radio said.

The Gaza Strip has been going through a week of strikes and demonstrations over issues ranging from opposition to Israeli rule to the levying of a 12-percent Israeli value added tax (VAT) on all financial transactions. The municipality of Nablus, the largest town in the West Bank, called a sympathy strike for the Gazans.

Kyrianiou hopeful on resumed U.N. talks

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 8 (R) — Cypriot President Spyros Kyrianiou conferred Monday with the president of the General Assembly and said later he believed he had succeeded in keeping open the possibility of a resumed assembly session on Cyprus. "I think we have succeeded, that's my impression," Kyrianiou told Reuters after conferring with Assembly President Ismat Kittani of Iraq.

The assembly, which has not debated the Cyprus question at the current session that opened Sept. 15, is due to end its work Dec. 15. But the Cypriot government has been anxious for the session to be suspended, rather than finally closed, so as to retain the option of having the item debated at a resumed session.

BRIEFS

Monday.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — A greater U.S. role in the Palestinian autonomy talks is planned soon by the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, according to Shimon Peres, leader of Israel's opposition Labor Party.

TEL AVIV, (R) — A full-scale strike by Israeli citrus growers closed down packing plants and stopped fruit being shipped to the ports for export, the citrus marketing board said Tuesday.

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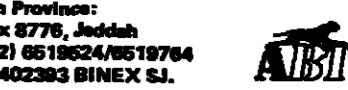
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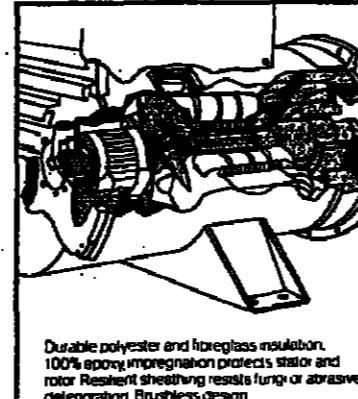
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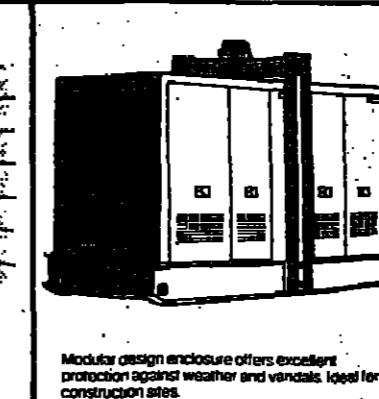
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DOUBLE TALK

The French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson visited Israel yesterday to prepare the way for the forthcoming visit of President Mitterrand in February, but he goofed.

An Israeli newspaper quoted Cheysson could have been misquoted, that as long as his government was in power there will be no European or French attempts to find a just solution for the Middle East question. That is one grave error of statesmanship.

He was also said to have urged direct Arab-Israeli talks to solve their outstanding disputes. That was an error of judgment because he well knew that Israel, thanks to U.S. support, is overwhelmingly superior to the Arabs in military terms. It has some of the latest American weapons which are more lethal than anything the Arabs have at present. So why should Israel make concessions as long as it is in such a good position?

Cheysson will remember that when his country was occupied by the Nazis during the last world war Hitler refused to make concessions and continued to maintain his hold on the country and the brave French people. The people resorted to the famous resistance to make the German occupation a costly exercise. This is what the Palestinians aim to do failing a peaceful and negotiated settlement.

That settlement would have been made a little more possible had France encouraged the Europeans to put forward their own ideas for a solution. We already know the American ideas. The best they could produce were the Camp David accords which even France has spurned.

Now Cheysson, speaking probably on behalf of Mitterrand, has cold-shouldered the Europeans and poured ice water on any future initiative, although Mitterrand had said something else when he recently visited the Kingdom. He saw some positive aspects in the proposed Saudi Arabian peace plan and talked kindly of the Palestinians.

We hate to think that Socialist France is either confused about the issues in this part of the world or has resorted to double talk to win the friendship of both sides. It has certainly lost a lot of confidence as a result of Cheysson's reckless remarks.

Saudi Arabian press review

The necessity of adopting a unified Arab stand on the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East, Philip Habib's mission to the region and the visit of French Minister of External Affairs Claude Cheysson to Israel figured for editorial comments in Tuesday's newspapers.

Commenting on the Kingdom's peace plan, *Al-Bilad* observed that the eight-point plan has successfully exposed the Zionist designs in the region and has provided a new dimension for the Arab strategy in the upcoming stage to uncover all plots against the Arab nation.

The paper welcomed the growing acceptance of the plan by Europe and other peace-loving nations as "the most suitable alternative" for ensuring a just and lasting peace in the region.

Dealing with Cheysson's visit to Israel, *Al-Jazra* said the visit will have no positive outcome as Israel has already rejected the French viewpoint which stresses the need for ensuring a homeland for the Palestinians and the necessity of the PLO participation in any future Middle East negotiations.

The paper felt Israel will exploit the visit to blackmail France by

distorting the realities of the region and forcing France to make pledges for Israel's security.

Writing on the mission of U.S. special envoy Philip Habib, *Oka* said the Kingdom has told Habib that "the continued American support to Israel will not help achieve a just and durable peace in the region."

The Kingdom's leaders have explained to the U.S. envoy that the U.S. out of its responsibility as a superpower and a member of the Security Council, should pursue an even-handed policy on the Arab-Israel conflict," the paper said.

Oka added that the Kingdom also notified Habib that any aggression on Arab lands will be faced with a unified Arab stand.

Al-Riyadh deplored the contradictions in the declared principles and slogans of the Iranian rulers and their actual behavior and repressive policies.

"The Islamic slogans raised like an inverted caricature of the anti-Soviet statements that emanated from Washington a few months ago. "The struggle for peace has now become worldwide," the Central Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* said not long ago in a front-page commentary. "Millions upon millions of people are becoming increasingly determined to thwart the man-hating plans of the militaristic circles of the USA and NATO to deploy deadly new nuclear missile



Europe's peace movement seen as a windfall for Soviets

By Robert Gillette

MOSCOW —

The argument over the need for American nuclear weapons in Europe is as old as the Atlantic Alliance itself. But the argument entered a critical new phase last week with the opening in Geneva of the first formal negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union on limiting so-called theater nuclear forces.

The formal talks, which are likely to prove as complex and arduous as any the two superpowers have yet attempted, are clearly, at least in the Soviet view, only half the battle. The other half is in the public arena, where Moscow appears convinced it has the upper hand and may even stand a chance of accomplishing in the streets of Western Europe what it is not likely to win at the bargaining table — namely cancellation of the 1979 North Atlantic Treaty Organization decision to deploy 572 new Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles in Western Europe capable of striking the Soviet homeland.

Certainly one purpose of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's recent visit to West Germany — the proposed site of 204 of the missiles — was to help maintain the public relations momentum.

Even if the anti-nuclear groundswell fails by itself to deter NATO's deployment plans, the political pressures engendered by continued street demonstrations in Europe against nuclear arms — not exclusively but mainly those NATO wants to position — have established an atmosphere for the Geneva talks have accused each other in advance of plotting to derail the negotiations. But Washington, with the start of its proposed missile deployment still two years off (at the end of 1983) and still vulnerable to public attitudes, has more to lose by appearing intransigent than do the Soviets, whose own deployment of medium-range SS-20s began in 1975 and proceeds at the rate of one a week with no known objections from the Soviet public. More than 250 of these new, mobile missiles are now in place, each with three 150-kiloton warheads.

It would be a mistake, in the view of most Western diplomatic analysts here, to attribute Western Europe's blossoming peace movement and its overtones of neutralism wholly or even largely to Soviet subterfuge. Few if any analysts think Moscow can turn street demonstrations on and off at will in Bonn or Amsterdam, though it can certainly encourage and assist, and has. The peace movement is rooted in genuine fears that the Reagan administration means to accelerate the arms race, that the next conflict in Europe — as Brezhnev explained it in his interview with the editors of the West German magazine *Der Spiegel* — will see the "crowded and fragile" continent of Europe engulfed in nuclear conflagration and reduced to what the Soviet news agency Tass has vividly described as a "radioactive desert."

Diplomats here tend to consider the anti-nuclear arms movement as essentially a windfall for the Soviets, aided substantially by loose talk in Washington about the feasibility of limited nuclear war in Europe and contingency plans for firing nuclear warning shots across the Soviet bow should a conventional war break out.

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The Soviets have conducted a relentless public relations drive in the controlled Soviet press and in Eastern Europe, particularly Germany, aimed at convincing Europeans that the Reagan administration teeters on the brink of insanity while the Brezhnev leadership offers the alternatives of sweet reason and humanitarian peace.

The rhetoric offered up daily by the Soviet press reads like an inverted caricature of the anti-Soviet statements that emanated from Washington a few months ago. "The struggle for peace has now become worldwide," the Central Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* said not long ago in a front-page commentary. "Millions upon millions of people are becoming increasingly determined to thwart the man-hating plans of the militaristic circles of the USA and NATO to deploy deadly new nuclear missile

weapons in Europe and to plunge the European Continent into the abyss of thermonuclear catastrophe.

"Guided by lofty human principles, the countries of the Socialist community have been doing their utmost to safeguard fundamental human rights, first and foremost the right to life, which the aggressive forces of capitalist imperialism, primarily U.S. imperialism, are encroaching by having unleashed the unprecedented arms race and hatching criminal plans for a world nuclear war."

Given this high emotional pitch, it has not been easy, until recently, to discern the logical thread of Soviet arguments against new NATO missiles and in favor of its own, much less to judge the merits of the Soviet case.

The rhetoric is showing signs of softening, however, in the wake of President Reagan's Nov. 18 offer to cancel deployment of NATO's new missiles if the Soviets scrap their SS-20s and the older SS-4s and SS-5s they're replacing. After a welter of initially harsh reactions, for instance, *The Literary Gazette*, a prominent weekly dismissed the Americans as an unworthy of "thinking people" but added that "this is not the main point. The most important thing is that Reagan has spoken about peace and about negotiations, including talks about reducing arms in Europe." The president, the newspaper averred, was "panicked" into a conciliatory position by the European peace movement.

At the same time, as the Geneva talks have approached, the Soviets have been to elaborate in unusual detail their case for the SS-20 and against NATO missiles, notably in a 74-page pamphlet entitled "The Threat To Europe" published the day before Brezhnev left for Bonn.

The Soviet case for the SS-20, or at least the one Moscow is offering for public consideration, stands on three main points:

First, that the Soviet Union was obliged in the 1950s to deploy medium-range nuclear missiles to counter NATO's "forward-based systems," the nuclear-armed U.S. aircraft based in Europe. "This causal relationship is still valid," the new pamphlet argues, because the United States still keeps hundreds of forward-based aircraft in Europe and has refused to include them in strategic arms limitation talks.

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The main drawback of the U.S. threats was that they renewed fears throughout Latin America of unilateral American military intervention. In that area, "Yankee imperialism" remains an explosive political issue.

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Brave faces displayed in Brixton, unemployment, crime cause worries

By Stephen Powell

LONDON, (R) — They call it "the front-line" Brixton's Railton Road. In April the worst riots in London this century raged around this area, as thousands of police fought a three-day battle with young blacks and a few whites.

The street still looks as if it suffered a bout of civil war. Buildings blackened by fire rear above corrugated iron fencing. Demolition teams add to the desolation.

What was once a tailor's shop is now only a forlorn frontage, with a pile of rubble behind the one standing wall.

Business in the area is slack. Brixton's shopkeepers are putting on a brave face, displaying "We're backing Brixton" stickers in their windows.

But privately, the tone is different. "I'd just love to get out," said one white storekeeper

whose shop was looted in April. "So would a lot of others, but they just can't sell their houses or their businesses. No-one wants to buy."

The violence in Brixton in which more than 300 people were injured, foreshadowed two weeks of upheaval in other major British cities in July. Parts of Toxteth in Liverpool and Moss Side in Manchester went up in flames.

In an attempt to ensure such violence does not recur, a senior British judge put forward proposals for reform. Lord Scarman, in an official report published late in November, said the Brixton riots were essentially an outburst of anger and resentment by young black people against the police.

Stressing the urgency of the situation, he made several recommendations on how to improve relations between the police and ethnic minorities.

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Generally, licenses are issued only to members of registered target-shooting clubs. Shotgun and rifle licenses are issued only to citizens who can show acceptable reasons for shooting and hunting.

Gun licenses are not issued to private detectives, nor are private security agencies allowed to issue firearms to their officers.

Citizens applying for certificates to own rifles or shotguns must convince the police that they have a landowner's permission to hunt on his land. Further, they can be checked out by the police to make sure that they can handle a weapon properly.

"We think the shotgun is the toy of the landed gentry," a Scotland Yard official said, "and the legislation on the issuance of shotgun certificates is weaker than we think necessary."

Automatic weapons are prohibited altogether, as are such defensive agents as tear gas sprays. There was public row in the northern city of Manchester when the police purchased two submachine guns for emergency use.

The British attitude toward guns carries over to the national police force. Since its founding 150 years ago, the British police force has rarely used weapons. Bobbies on the beat invariably go unarmed.

You'd entrust a spitfire to an 18-year-old pilot during the battle of Britain," one law enforcement official said, "but not (a gun) to a 23-year-old policeman. It shows how conscious the public is of the police image of not carrying arms."

Only about one-fifth of Britain's 120,000 policemen are even trained in the use of firearms. And few of these carry weapons under normal circumstances.

He also made a plea for a general improvement in the living conditions of Britain's two million black and Asian citizens — almost four percent of the population.

He argued for positive discrimination in favor of the blacks to tackle the "poison" of racial disadvantage in Britain. "Urgent action is needed if it is not to become an endemic, incurable disease threatening the very survival of our society," he said.

Community leaders in Brixton, one of the most depressed of London's inner city suburbs south of the River Thames, are now waiting to see what happens to Lord Scarman's recommendations.

Since the riots, they say, nothing has been done to improve conditions in the area.

Graham Kent, at the Railton Road Community Center, said government cuts in spending have hit projects for a family center, a health center, housing and street lighting.

The south London borough of Lambeth, which includes Brixton, has formidable problems. The borough, with a population of 245,000, has a housing waiting list of 18,000 families.

Susan Whitehead, official spokeswoman for the Lambeth Borough Council, said: "It's impossible to exaggerate the depth of poverty and overcrowding in Lambeth."

The borough has virtually no funds to rehabilitate the area's old houses. Unemployment and crime remain high. About half of Brixton's black youngsters under 19 are out of work and police say crime is rising sharply.

The Conservative Party government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher responded favorably to Lord Scarman's views on police reform.

His proposals included a longer training period for police, more black policemen and an independent investigation of complaints against the police. The present system is for the police to look into such complaints themselves.

There has been no sign, however, that the government is prepared to inject large sums of money into black areas, in line with Lord Scarman's philosophy of positive discrimination.

Despite a resounding Conservative defeat last week in a parliamentary by-election, Mrs. Thatcher has said she will stick to her policy of fighting inflation by trying to hold down public spending.

Local leaders feel money has to be made available if the riots are not to be repeated.

Kent said: "There's got to be a massive injection of funds and we've got to work at police/community liaison. It's got to be serious and it's got to be deep. Without the cash and without the trust we're in for a rough ride."

A moderate black leader, Courtney Law, echoed his views. "If the government does not act they will only have themselves to blame if there is more rioting," he said.



BRIXTON RIOT SCENES: Burned out building is shown in the above photo during the height of the riots. Below, policemen are shown apprehending some of the culprits.

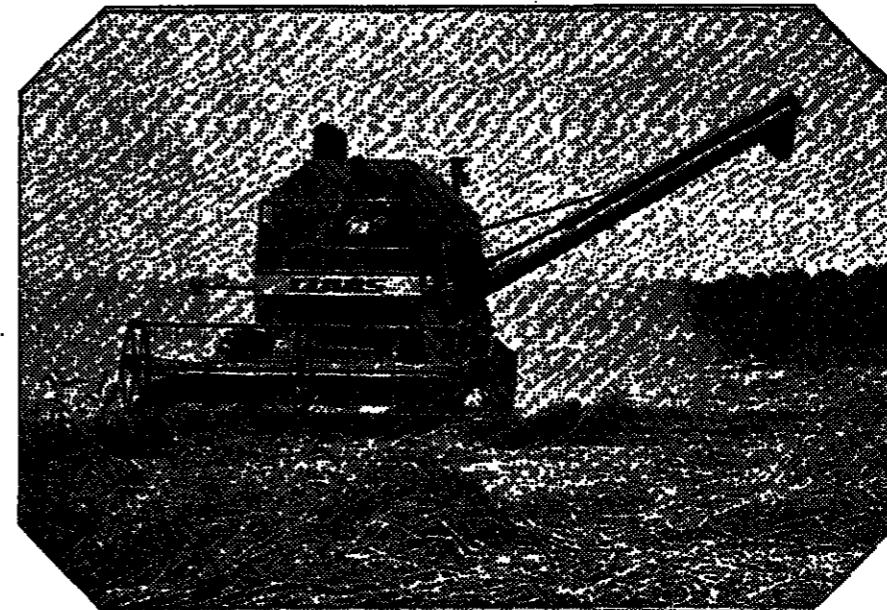
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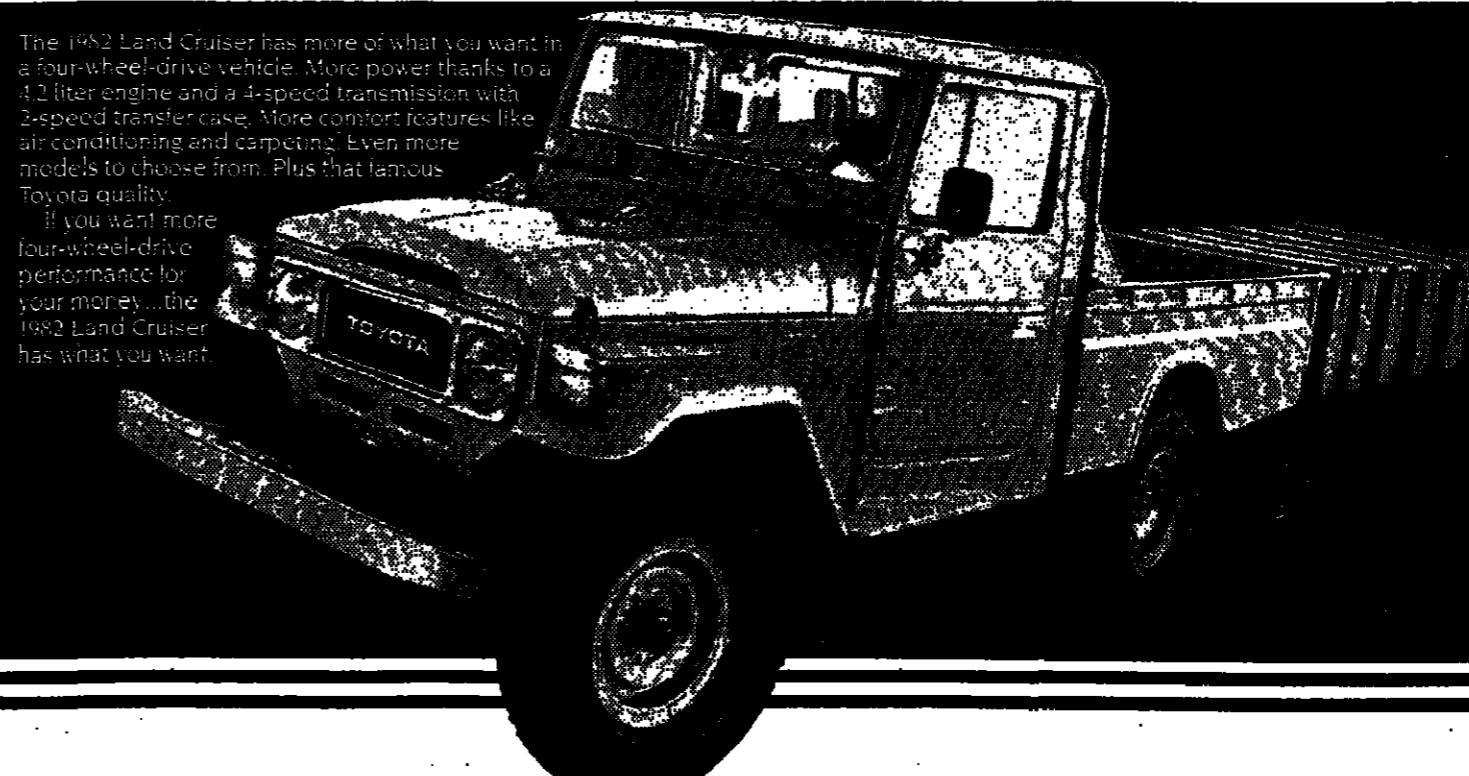
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Surprise snowstorm kills 8 in America

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP) — A surprise snowstorm that killed eight persons and stranded thousands forced schools to close across New England Monday, while more rain fell in flooded Oregon and southern California was socked again with thick fog that has caused six deaths.

The surprise snowstorm, the worst in three seasons, dumped up to 2 feet (61 cms) of snow, hitting Massachusetts and Rhode Island the hardest. Gusty winds piled the snow into drifts, and motorists abandoned their cars on snowbound highways. Airports and schools were closed, and on the vacation island of Nantucket 2,000 holiday revelers were stranded and as many as 30 whales beached themselves.

A special ferry was sent to Nantucket Monday to pick up the stranded visitors. But many of them were believed to get off the island late Monday on planes which were making regular runs.

Schools and colleges were closed Monday in most of Rhode Island and eastern Massachusetts, and much of eastern Connecticut.

The storm that carried the snow was

thought to be heading to sea, but it first swept inland and dumped 1 1/2 feet (46 cms) of snow on Boston, the most in one day in 50 years, and 15 inches (38 cms) in Providence, Rhode Island.

Power lines in Rhode Island were knocked down, and 50,000 residents lost electricity. The weather service measured 10 1/2 inches (27 cms) of snow at snowbound Logan, the heaviest 24-hour snowfall in December since 1926.

In southern California, one of the six persons who died because of the fog was a motorcyclist who perished on a San Diego freeway, where driver after driver ignored the low visibility, flying into a pile of wreckage that eventually totaled 31 cars, troopers said.

The southern California fog is a thick swirling blanket that sneaks in at night, blots visibility into the morning, then ebbs later in the day, beginning its cycle again when the sun goes down.

Nearly 6 inches (15 cms) of rain in the Pacific northwest caused mudslides, forced the closure of highways and left no fewer than eight rivers above flood stage in Oregon.

Guatemala, Argentina rap rights panel

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, Dec. 8 (R) — Guatemala and Argentina have accused an international commission of playing politics in its reports of human rights abuses in Latin America.

The Inter-American Human Rights Commission Sunday issued four special and one general reports to the Organization of American States (OAS) general assembly being held on this West Indian island. One of the special reports accused Guatemalan authorities of complicity in the execution of opposition politicians.

The general report referred to the seven-year-old state of siege in Argentina and the

reported detention without trial of 700 persons there. Argentina's ambassador to the OAS, Raul Quijano, said Monday the reports had "a dangerous degree of politicization."

"The OAS should try to condemn the government of a member state unless it can cite irrefutable facts," he said. "Otherwise it could be qualified as an act of irresponsibility."

The Guatemalan ambassador said he rejected the special report which "lacked impartiality and objectivity apart from intervening in areas and fields totally beyond its competence."

Killer's execution stayed in U.S.

ATLANTA, Georgia, Dec. 8, (R) — A regional appeals court granted a 28-year-old convicted killer an indefinite stay of execution only hours before he was due to die in the electric chair Tuesday.

The appeals court issued a ruling from its headquarters here as a lower court federal judge in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, rejected a similar request for a stay of execution by Alvin Ford, convicted of the 1974 murder of a Florida policeman. Ford's lawyers argued that he was inadequately represented during his trial and that the sentence was too harsh.

The appeals court judges said they were granting an indefinite stay of execution so that Ford would have a chance to appeal. Ford, one of 164 prisoners on Florida's death row, was due to be executed at 7 a.m. (1200 GMT) in the state penitentiary.

The trial jury heard that Ford shot the policeman twice when he was surprised while trying to rob a Fort Lauderdale restaurant. As the officer lay bleeding, Ford took his car keys then killed him with a single shot to the head.

In other discussions, Chile Monday withdrew from the OAS commission studying Bolivia's demand for recognition of its right to an outlet to the Pacific Ocean which it lost a century ago in a war between Chile, on one side, and Peru and Bolivia, on the other.

Chile considers the subject a matter for bilateral negotiations and beyond the brief of the OAS general assembly, but Bolivia presents it for the agenda year after year. In 1973, Peru, Bolivia and Chile presented a series of new proposals, but Bolivia later broke off relations with Chile, saying no solution would be reached that way.

BRIEFS

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 8 (AFP) — Johannesburg's giant black dormitory town of Soweto experienced its worst weekend of crime this year, with 26 persons stabbed to death between Saturday and Sunday, local police said Tuesday.

The town of 1.5 million inhabitants also had 40 assaults and cases of molestation of women. Most of the dead were victims of common thuggery, but one died as a result of a vendetta between two rival Zulu gangs, the police added.

commander of partisan fighters in World War II and Italy's first postwar premier, died Tuesday, hospital officials said. He was 91.

DAR ES SALAAM (AP) — The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has allocated \$15 million over the next five years to assist "liberation movements" in Southern Africa, it was announced here Tuesday. The beneficiaries of the UNDP assistance will be the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), which gets \$7.7 million, and the South African Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC), which will get the rest.

HANOI (AP) — Pen Sovann, former secretary-general of the Kampuchea Revolutionary People's Party, is "very ill" and his replacement is in no way attributable to a political shift in the Vietnamese-backed Phnom Penh regime, the Kampuchea charge d'affaires in Hanoi said Tuesday.

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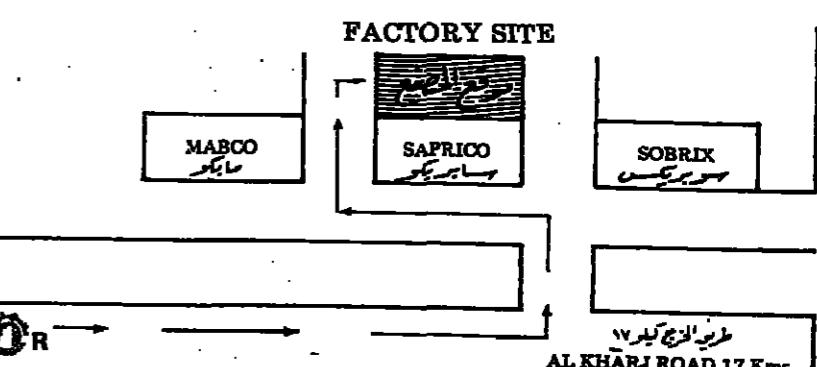
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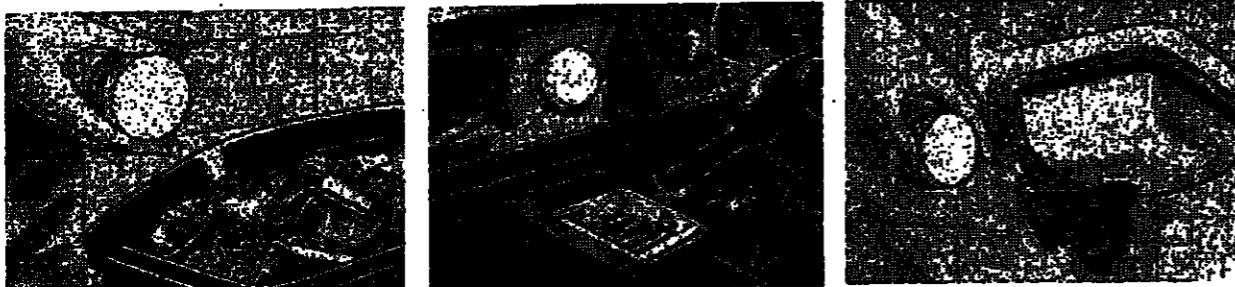
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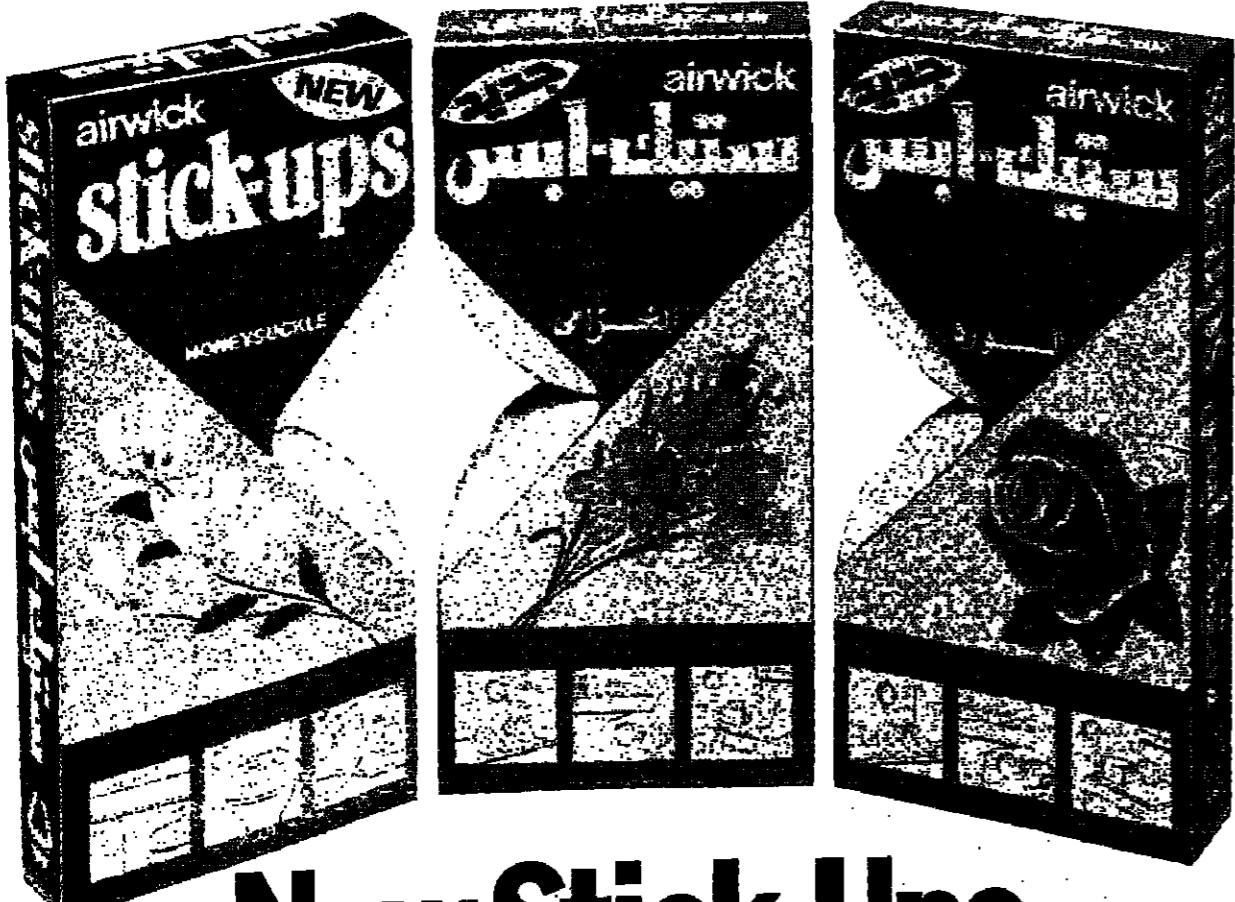
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U.S. sees budget gap exceeding \$100b

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (R) — The White House is considering a number of economic forecasts, including one which shows unprecedented budget deficits of more than \$100 billion in each of the next three years, administration officials said Monday.

The gloomy forecast shows a spending gap of \$109.1 billion for the financial year which began Oct. 1. Only three months ago President Ronald Reagan predicted the 1982 deficit would be \$43 billion.

It also shows the budget deficit swelling to \$152.3 billion in financial year 1983 and \$162 billion in 1984, officials said.

But the forecast does not represent a consensus among the various economic camps in the administration. A Treasury Department official said it was just one of a number of projections being examined.

Officials said it assumed a rapid and dramatic drop in inflation resulting from a continued tight monetary policy and did not account for any further spending cuts by Congress.

Advocates of the supply economic theory favor a forecast showing more rapid economic growth in 1983 and 1984, which would result in lower deficit figures, officials said. But monetarists and more traditional conservative economists are pushing the forecast of large deficits because it shows swift progress in reducing inflation with a parallel cut in government income.

President Reagan ran for office on a campaign pledge that he would balance the federal budget in 1984. Recently, however, he has been forced to abandon that pledge and concedes that the deficit for the current year would be far higher than originally anticipated.

The officials said the forecast was likely to be revised several times before the president formally unveils his new budget proposals in January.



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Rival sitting pretty Mobil bid for Marathon hit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (R) — U.S. Steel, the country's biggest steelmaker, cleared a major hurdle Monday in its takeover bid for the Marathon Oil Company when the Federal Trade Commission decided not to challenge the proposed merger.

But Mobil, the nation's second largest oil company, kept up its rival bid by announcing a plan to sell part of Marathon to another small oil company, the Amerada Hess Corporation, if its takeover effort succeeded. The move was an attempt to eliminate antitrust objections.

However, U.S. Steel appeared closer to success with the commission decision and with the announcement Sunday that its offer of \$125 a share for a controlling 51 percent of Marathon stock was substantially oversubscribed. The bid values Marathon at \$6.3 billion.

The commission can take action to block takeovers it feels are monopolistic but a spokesman said it did not intend to challenge the merger on anti-monopoly grounds. The commission is due to complete its anti-

Call to bolster 3rd World shipping

GENEVA, Dec. 8 (R) — Shipping experts from Western, Communist and Third World countries meeting in Geneva have recommended giving developing countries a bigger share of the bulk cargo trade.

In a report published Monday, a 13-member panel convened by the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), also called on exporters and importers of four commodities — iron ore, bauxite, phosphate rock and alumina — to favorably consider using Third World shipping lines if their rates and conditions were acceptable.

The panel said exporters and importers responsible for arranging shipment of these commodities should provide shipowners from developing countries with information to help them decide if they should compete for the contract.

The chairman of the group, Mustafa Gokal of Pakistan, said he considered the recommendations "realistic and practicable." He said some critics might argue that they did not change the situation quickly or radically enough, but as a Third World shipowner himself he felt they would prove beneficial if adopted by UNCTAD's shipping committee which meets next June.

monopoly review of Mobil's \$6.5-billion offer later this week.

Mobil announced in New York that Amerada Hess would maintain the headquarters of Marathon's marketing, refining and transportation operations in Findlay, Ohio, if its offer, which has been bitterly fought by Marathon, was successful.

Amerada Hess would assume responsibility for maintaining Marathon's sales of refined products to existing customers. Analysts said this would eliminate a specific objection raised by a Cleveland, Ohio, court which barred Mobil from acquiring Marathon because it might substantially lessen competition in petrol sales in six midwestern states.

The Mobil move also appeared aimed at allaying Marathon's fears that it would move Marathon's headquarters from Findlay, where it is the major employer in a town of some 40,000 people. Although U.S. Steel has attracted offers for more than the 30 million Marathon shares it was seeking, it is barred from buying them under a temporary restraining order won by Mobil.

The commission can take action to block takeovers it feels are monopolistic but a spokesman said it did not intend to challenge the merger on anti-monopoly grounds. The commission is due to complete its anti-

Texaco to hunt for oil in UAE

ABU DHABI, Dec. 8 (R) — A United States firm, Texaco, has won a concession to explore oil and gas in offshore waters of Umm Al-Qaiwain, a member state of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), officials said Tuesday.

Under an agreement signed Monday, Texaco will drill two wells in its 650-square-kilometer concession area in two years. Abu Dhabi is the top oil producer in the UAE followed by Dubai. Sharjah also produces oil, but expects to earn \$1 billion from oil exports through new discoveries in the next five years.

China claims rise in industrial output

PEKING, Dec. 8 (AP) — China's industrial production, rebounding from a slump, reached a record high in November, the *Worker's Daily* said Tuesday.

Chinese industry produced 47 billion yuan (\$31.3 billion) worth of goods last month, up 4.1 percent from October and 11.2 percent from November 1980, the trade union newspaper reported.

It said industrial production for the first 11 months was up 3.1 percent from January-November 1980 and, despite earlier worries, there now was confidence the 1981 plan could be exceeded. It said 92 percent of the

Seoul ship orders touch \$1.9b mark

SEOUL, Dec. 8 (AP) — Foreign ship orders received by South Korea in the first 11 months of the year touched a record 1,466 million gross tons for 78 ships, valued at \$1.991 billion, the Korean Shipbuilders Association said Tuesday. The countries, who placed orders, included the Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, India, Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates.

The January-November tally, a record for the period in Korean shipbuilding history, showed an increase of 25 percent from a year ago — 1,177 million tons for 60 ships with a value of \$1.323 billion.

In November alone, Korean shipyards received foreign orders for 12 ships with a combined tonnage of 163,000 tons valued at \$22.2 million.

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Italy faces probe

EEC agrees on steel import hike

BRUSSELS, Dec. 8 (R) — European Economic Community (EEC) foreign ministers have approved a slight rise in the community's 1982 steel imports over last year's levels.

EEC sources said Monday a group of 14 countries supplying most EEC steel imports would be asked to reduce these by 9.5 percent compared with 1980, against a 12.5 percent cut this year.

West Germany, a big steel exporter, pressed for a slightly greater easing of import restrictions to safeguard its trading relations with other countries. Earlier, diplomatic sources said West Germany, angered by continuing EEC payments to the EEC steel industry, had blocked payment of \$75 million in aid to the community's steelworkers.

Sunday's decision resulted from a compromise between West Germany, which was pushing for a cutback of only eight percent, and France, Britain, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg, which wanted 12.5 percent figure retained.

The EEC imports about 10 million tons of steel a year, or 10 percent of its total requirements. The ministers also approved 1982 trading arrangements with some developing

and socialist countries under the EEC's generalized system of preferences.

British Deputy Foreign Minister Humphrey Atkins said this gave better access to the EEC for goods from China and Romania, and extra quotas to certain products from developing countries. These arrangements do not cover the textiles trade on which the EEC is currently negotiating at Geneva.

Meanwhile, the European Commission is to probe Italian government's subsidies to firms which are said to infringe the EEC regulations, the commission announced Sunday. It will look at three government handouts totalling more than \$2 billion, two of which were not reported to the commission.

In recent weeks, the commission, the administrative arm of the EEC, has taken similar action against the Belgian and French governments.

The EEC subsidy code was designed to restore the European steel industry to profitability and to wipe out excess production capacity. The Italian government has two weeks to give details of two of the handouts to the commission, and a month to provide details of the third.

Toward the end of last month the commission demanded details on \$1 million subsidy granted to the Belgian Cockerill Sambre Steel enterprise, and decided to oppose plans to restructure the company. Last week, it was the French government's turn to explain steel subsidies of \$858 million to a local steel firm.

In another development, industrialists from 80 French textile firms arrived here Monday to express their grave disquiet at negotiations being held at Geneva to renew the multilateral arrangement.

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	—	9.08	—
Bangladesh Taka	—	14.95	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	280.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	152.00	151.70	—	—
Danish Krone (100)	130.40	130.05	—	—
Egyptian Pound (100)	3.62	4.06	—	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15	—	—
French Franc (1,000)	60.30	60.10	—	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	56.00	60.55	—	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.35	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	—	—	—	—
Israeli Lira (1,000)	28.60	28.40	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	15.70	—	—
Jordanian Dinar	10.18	10.15	—	—
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.18	12.19	—	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.25	74.00	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	64.80	—	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.68	—	—
Philippines Peso (100)	—	42.50	—	—
Pound Sterling	6.62	6.60	—	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.05	—	—
Saudi Arabian Dollar (100)	—	167.10	—	—
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	35.60	—	—
Swiss Franc (100)	187.25	187.00	—	—
Syrian Lira (100)	58.30	63.50	—	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.420	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.00	74.90	—	—

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ABU DHABI, Dec. 8 (R) — Abu Dhabi's crude oil production fell by 14 percent in the first half of this year to 216 million barrels from 251 million in the same period last year, the official Emirates news agency WAM said Tuesday.

WAM said the reduced output is the result of government policy of protecting the oil-fields. Dubai, another oil-producing state of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), produced 65 million barrels in the first six months of this year.

Abu Dhabi exported 209 million barrels of oil and Dubai 62 million between January and June, WAM said. Forty percent of the two states' oil exports went to Japan. The UAE's current daily output is 1.4 million barrels.

London commodities

	Closing Prices	
Tuesday	Monday	
Gold (\$ per ounce)	419.50	417.00
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	460.00	449.00
3 months	475.50	464.00
Copper cash	874.50	875.50
3 months	895.25	895.00
Tin cash	8352.00	8355.00
3 months	8150.00	8110.00
Lead cash	342.25	338.00
3 months	352.50	348.50
Zinc cash	432.00	416.00
3 months	433.25	436.00
Aluminum cash	586.50	585.00
3 months	609.50	606.00
Nickel cash	2870.00	2895.00
3 months	2897.50	2895.00
Sugar January	169.00	165.00
March	171.50	167.80
Coffee January	1119.00	1085.00
March	1108.00	1073.00
Cocoa December	1163.00	1147.00
March	1142.00	1141.00

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton.

The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel. 6653988, Jeddah.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates forge ahead

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — The dollar continued to strengthen on the European exchange Tuesday, against most other currencies except for the British pound. Sterling showed surprising resilience and continued to trade at 1.9405 levels Tuesday after reaching 1.9505 in London Monday.

Eurodollar deposit rates remained firm, but some easing took place in the short-dated funds.

In the local markets, riyal deposit rate rose for the second day running, but once again it was the action of a few borrowing banks that caused rates to go up. Gold and silver were stable with gold at \$417 per ounce.

The Monday night New York markets saw the American currency maintain its European gains earlier in the day. The Federal Reserve Board eased rates slightly by the adding of liquidity, but "Fed funds" rates remained at 12 1/2 percent levels. On the money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates eased slightly in the shorter tenors, taking the one-month rate to 12-12 1/2 percent and the three-month rate to 12 5/16-12 7/16 percent. Long-term Eurodollar rates were more stable, with the one-year trading at 13 1/4-13 3/4 percent. The reducing of the broker loan rate to 13 1/2 percent from 14 percent by Chemical Bank and others did not unduly affect the money markets.

In the longer tenors, the year-fixed rates remained stable at 11 3/4-12 1/4 percent.

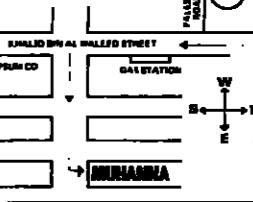
LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

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Paris	421.20
Frankfurt	419.01
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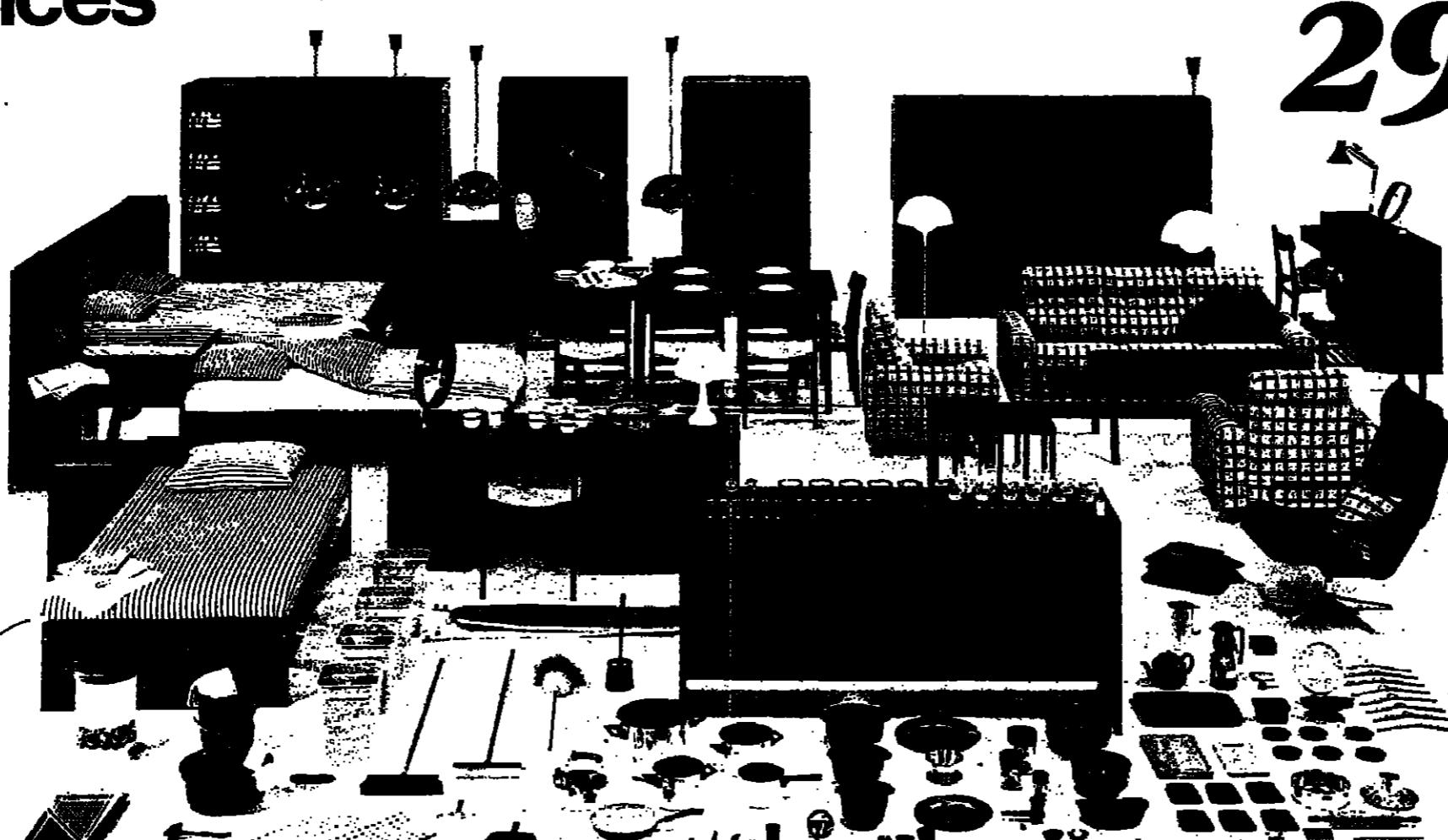
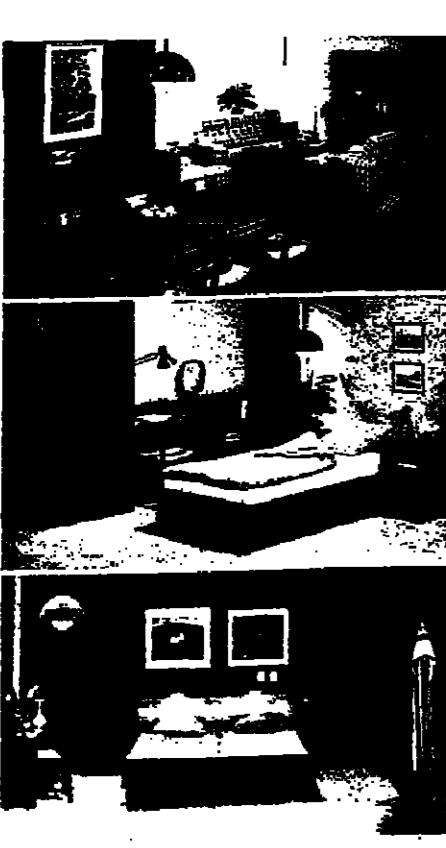
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Northrop snatches Seven-a-Side title

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — Jeddah's first social Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament at Benson and Hedges Park, Friday, ended with Northrop Firemen carrying off the inaugural trophy after defeating Aeradio 9-0 in a bad-tempered final.

The day saw several good matches as the eight teams played off ten games in the main and plate competitions. Unfortunately the rugby was occasionally marred by outbreaks of anger and protests over referees' decisions.

In the opening matches Saudia started strongly by crushing Saudi British Bank (SBB) 18-0 with Dick Fortt, Phil Purnell and Gerald Davies leading the attack. Celtic 7 gave Northrop a fright, holding them to 6-6 before a last minute try gave Northrop a 12-6 victory. The Airport cruised to a 18-0 win over the University team and looked to be the favorites at that stage. In the final first round match, DHL fielded a strongly fancied team against Aeradio, but good defense and some concerted attacks brought a 12-8 win for Aeradio.

The semi-finals brought two close matches. Northrop Firemen edged the Airport team 6-4, while Aeradio produced the only score to topple Saudia 4-0. The first semi-final also produced the day's only serious injury as Airport's Alan James sustained a broken collar bone. This was an especially cruel blow for James, who was scheduled to play in next week's National Squash Championships in Riyadh.

The final did not bring a sparkling display of running rugby, but this was due mainly to the extreme conditions. Both teams were tired, but nevertheless played hard till the 10.30.

Gallant effort by Alan James

Andalus surprises Hochtieff

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — Andalus Village pulled off a shock win when they downed leaders Hochtieff 3-2, Sunday night, in the Jeddah Squash League. The final result was not the only surprise of the match, though, Alan James, the Hochtieff No. 1, played his game with a broken collar bone, and won! However, his brave effort was not enough to stop Andalus taking four extra valuable points which keeps them clear of the relegation area.

In other "A" Division matches, Bedouins slumped to Streeters 3-2, Gray Mackenzie edged Halcrow 3-2, and Samba kept Armaska at the bottom of the table with a fine 3-2 win.

Andalus found themselves fielding their full team for the first time in nine weeks for this crucial game, but Pervaiz Iqbal, at No. 1 will now be wished he hadn't showed. However, Andy Barnett, Dan Hammond and Ian Jamieson gave Andalus the necessary wins to collect the victory points. Bedouins are now without the services of Johnson, their No. 1, who won his last match on Sunday. He is set to leave Bedouins and Bedouins will be relieved that their previous success this season has given them enough points not to worry about the last two matches.

The "B" Division top match was between the two leaders, Saudia and Arabian Homes. Saudia confirmed their position at No. 1 with a 3-2 win, but the match produced some close moments. Saudia's Bob Goodacre was two games to nil down against Dave Pethers but pulled back to take the match 3-2. The order of play produced a 2-2 tie before the No. 3's went on court, then Terry Marris downed Alan Boore to give Saudia the result. Phillips Ericsson moved to third place after a 4-1 win

final whistle. Aeradio had a try disallowed in the first half and instead of being possibly 9-0 at half-time, found themselves 3-0 down. The fitter Northrop team dominated the second half to run out 9-0 winners with a try, conversion and a penalty from John Curley.

The Plate semi-final matched SBB and DHL; Celts and KAAU (King Abdul Aziz University). In the former's game, DHL decided that they were to progress no further in the competition and reduced the match to a comic farce. SBB won 4-0. In a tight game KAAU overcame a game Celts 4-0 to enter the final. The final produced better rugby as Mark Riding (2 tries) and Mickey Evans (1 try) and a Riding conversion gave the SBB a 14-10 victory. Scorers for KAAU being Terry Powley, Charles Witney (tries) and Bob Phillips (conversion).

On the other side of the Kingdom, Dhahran RFC were entertaining Muscat and Yanbu in a full weekend's rugby. The hosts' first XV dominated the first half of the Gulf League match against Muscat as tries by R. Hopkins and P. Clubshaw and one successful conversion gave them a 14-0 cushion. Muscat pulled back in the second period with four successful penalty kicks to give a full time score of 14-12. Meanwhile the second XV were playing Yanbu in another tight game as the odd penalty in three in the final minute gave the hosts a 6-3 victory.

The next major rugby meeting is this Friday (11th) at Benson and Hedges Park when the visitors are Dhahran. With some first team regulars involved in the Dubai seven's, it will be an understrength Dhahran who will attempt to end Jeddah's long unbeaten home run. It promises to be an exciting clash. Kick off 10.30.

BRISBANE, Dec. 8 (AFP) — Britain's John Lloyd, out of tournament tennis for more than three months with an arm injury, failed in his first serious comeback bid when he crashed in the first round of the men's singles of the \$50,000 Queensland Open here Tuesday.

Lloyd, 27, who accepted a wild card to play in the event, fell 3-6, 4-6 to big-serving American Ron Hightower. Top-seeded Australian Phil Dent was untroubled in his opening round match, outclassing American Glen Petrovic 6-1, 6-2.

In other first round actions New Zealander Onny Parun defeated G. Macdonald 7-6, 6-4. A. Jarrold of Sweden beat E. Sherbeck of USA 6-3, 6-1, American M. Hunter got past German H. Theissen 7-5, 7-5. J. Benson of USA bested A. Jarrett (Britain) 7-5, 7-5, and American K. Cook won over H. Simmerson of Sweden as the Swede conceded the match after losing the first set 7-5, and down 2-1 in the second.

Top women's seed Renee Bloum of the United States staggered out of the Queensland Open in the first round Tuesday when she succumbed to heatwave conditions.

Mura Bustan continue to dominate the "C" division and registered yet another 5-0 win, this time at the expense of Laing Wimpy. Mura have the incredible record of having lost only 3 points during the whole season. Bintel kept themselves in second spot with a 3-2 win against Hochtieff "C", but Saudi British Bank closed the gap slightly after a 4-1 win over Saudi Tel STTB/Sigma downed Zahid 4-1 in the remaining match.

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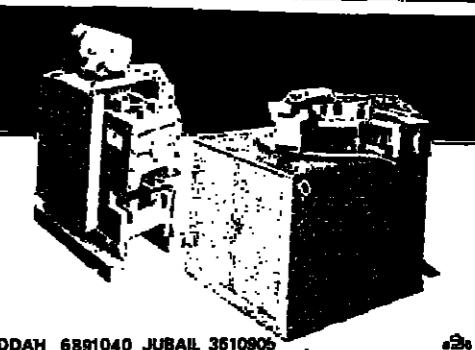
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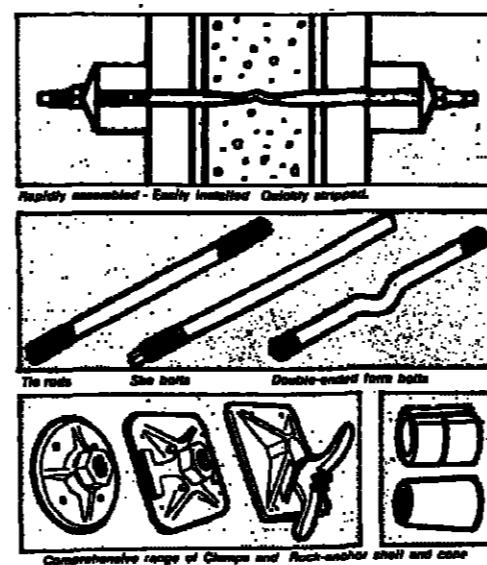
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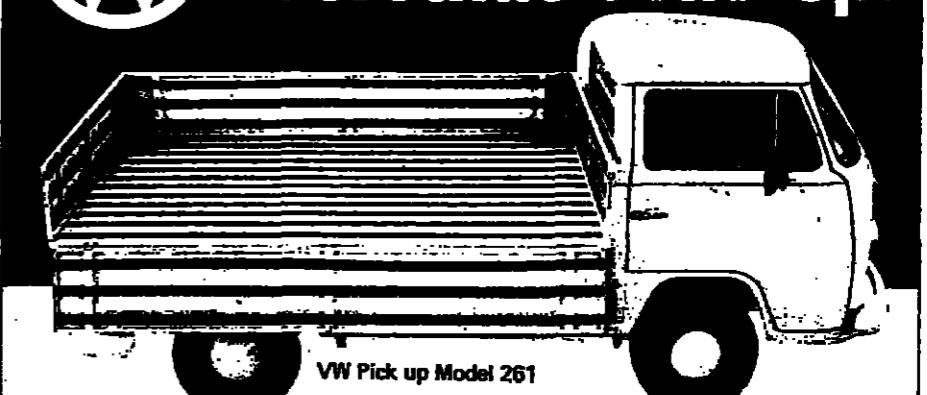
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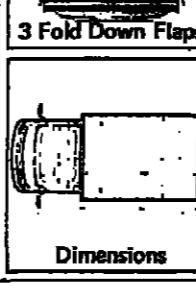
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